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## NEWS RELEASE

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### WILD WINNERS IN THOMPSON AND VELVA

Bismarck – Things are getting a little wild in Thompson, ND. On October 22, Daniel Mayers from Thompson, hit the Wild Card 2 jackpot and won \$268,699. Two and a half weeks later Gary Jordheim, also from Thompson, won \$5,000 playing the same game.

“Sure we know each other. We go to the same church,” said Jordheim. But Mayers doesn’t belong to Jordheim’s group that plays each week. Jordheim and nine others that work together pool their money and buy \$10 worth of Powerball tickets each week.

For the drawing on November 9, Jordheim decided to buy five dollars worth of Wild Card 2 tickets for himself. Next time his group may want Wild Card 2 tickets, too.

Across the state in Velva, Christina Little stopped to pick up some lottery tickets for her mother on her way home from work. She also decided to buy some Wild Card 2 tickets for herself. Little won \$5,000. “My mom said I gave her the wrong tickets,” laughed Little.

Little realized she had won when she checked her numbers on the Lottery’s web site. She called her husband, who is stationed in Germany using her web cam, and then told her boys, ages four and six. “They wanted me to win the bigger one so I didn’t have to work,” she said. Little says some of the money will be used for Christmas but she plans to share her winnings with her boys.

So far this year, there have been 24 North Dakota Lottery Wild Card 2 winners of \$5,000 or more. Two of the Wild Card 2 winners won the jackpot; one for \$420,094, and Mayers for \$268,699.

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